

Jersey City Composite Squadron – NJ112 Civil Air Patrol



Seasons Greetings!



Cadets promoted in Special Ceremony



Cadets Steven Perez and Jacelle Sanchez with squadron guests after the promotion ceremony. From left are Jersey City community relations specialist Gregory Malave, Squadron commander Capt José Quintero, C/2nd Lt Steven Perez, Group 221 commander Maj Jack Soldano, C/2nd Lt Jacelle Sanchez and US Air Force Academy recruiter Maj. Heather Roberts.

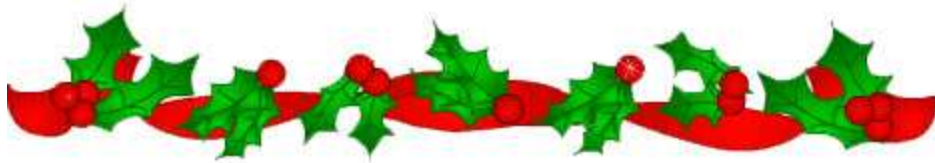
In a ceremony held at County Prep High School, Cadets Steven Perez and Jacelle Sanchez, residents of Newark, were promoted to the rank of cadet second lieutenant.

Several special guests were also on hand for the event: Group 221 Commander Maj Jack Soldano, Air Force Academy recruiter Maj Heather Roberts, and Jersey City community relations (*continued on next page*)

(continued from cover) specialist Gregory Malave. Maj Roberts spoke to squadron cadets about what the Air Force Academy has to offer. Maj Soldano read the description of the Billy Mitchell award before presenting both cadets with a framed certificate. On behalf of Jersey City Council President Mariano Vega, Malave presented cadets Perez and Sanchez with a certificate for being positive role models for the youth of Jersey City and beyond.

Cadet Perez has been with the Civil Air Patrol for over three years and in that time has learned many valuable lessons. When asked about some of these lessons, Perez remarked, “CAP has not only helped me build self-discipline but also introduced me to military customs and courtesies both of which I can use in the future.” Cadet Perez plans to join an Air Force ROTC program after high school and wishes to pursue a career in criminal justice. He also has plans to join the Air Force Reserve.

Cadet Sanchez has been member of CAP for almost three years. Sanchez has made strong strides both within and outside of CAP. She has worked as a member of the NJ Wing Encampment cadet public affairs team. Outside of CAP, she has been the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, including a full scholarship to Essex County Community College and a NJ Star Scholarship. Sanchez has plans to join the Air Force and hopes to become an in-flight refueler.



Squadron Patch Approved!

Recently the Jersey City Composite Squadron had their submission for a squadron patch approved! The Jersey City Composite Squadron was the closest NJ Wing Squadron to respond to the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. This patch reflects not only the memory of that event, but also the courage, dedication, and discipline of the squadron then and now.

The gold background behind the text represents a new day dawning and our future commitment to honor and the Civil Air Patrol core values.

The blue background symbolizes the sky, our affiliation with the United States Air Force and Civil Air Patrol’s aerospace education mission.

The black silhouette of a city skyline represents our urban location and proximity to New York City.

The light blue vertical bars represent the World Trade Center Towers and encourage us to remember our unit’s selfless emergency services participation during one of the darkest times in our nation’s history.

The red phoenix bird represents our cadet program as we teach our future leaders strength, patriotism, and perseverance in rising above their circumstances.



Happy Birthday!

Cadets

Carlos Davila
Daniel Dennis
Jonathan Detres
Denise Davila
Steven Perez
Hannibal Zewge
Elidez Sanchez

Officers

Robert McNutt
Maria Quintero
Rick Fernandez
Anthony Castlegrande

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